

DIAA Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 27, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.
Townsend Building – 3
3rd Floor Conference Room
401 Federal St.
Dover, DE 19904

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 am by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Dr. Bradley Layfield, Matt Donovan, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Mike Hart, and Mike Breeding, Chuck Little, Jeremy Jeanne, Robert Cilento, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Robert Watson, and Michael Rodriguez, Associate Secretary of Education. Gary Cimaglia, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Donna Polk and Amoscita Rodriguez were also in attendance. Stan Waterman, Dr. Kathleen Andrus, Bruce Harris, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, Ted Laws, and Dr. Bradley Bley were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 10 yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA Board June 13, 2019 Meeting

There was an insufficient number of Board members present to approve the minutes. Approval of the minutes will be an item on a future agenda.

E. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of DIAA Board June 13, 2019 Meeting

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F. Approval of Minutes of DIAA August 8, 2019 Board Meeting.

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H. DIAA Financial Report

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and it carried by a vote of 10 yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Cimaglia reported that there were 21 sanctioned events for the Board's approval – Cross Country: Unionville Two Mile Bash (9/7/19), Cherokee Challenge (9/7/19), White Clay Creek (9/13/19), Hood College Invitational (9/14/19), 27th Annual Middletown (9/20/19), The RVA Relays (9/21/19), Patrick Henry Invitational (9/28/19), Pacers Running Inv (9/28/19), Six Flags Wild Safari Inv (9/28/19), Lehigh Univ Paul Short Run (10/5/19), Joe O'Neill Invitational (10/18/19), Blue Hen Conference (10/25/19), and DAAD Middle School Inv (10/30/19); Boys' Soccer: DAAD Boys' Soccer Challenge (10/25/19); Volleyball: Eastern Shore JV Tour (10/25-26/19) and DAAD MS Volleyball Inv (10/25/19); Boys' Basketball: Dickinson Boys Winter Classic (12/6-7/19); Girls' Basketball: Lady Rams Winter Classic (12/6-7/19); Wrestling: Milford JV WR Dual Meet (12/14/19), Milford WR Invitational (12/14/19), and Milford HS Wrestling Tournament(2/1/20).

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and it carried by a vote of 10 yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

B. Ratification of Interim Waiver

1. Request to waive 1009.2.6. by Sussex Central HS – 2019-9-2

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to ratify the Executive Director's decision to grant a waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 9 - yes [Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson], 1 Abstained [Layfield] and 0 no. The student, the student's family, and the school are not required to appear at the Board's October meeting.

2. Request to waive 1009.2.7 by Christiana HS – 2019-9-3

Mr. Cilento made a motion to ratify the Executive Director's decision to grant a waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried by a vote of 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

C. Glasgow HS Football Complaint

Donna Polk informed the Board that she and the Executive Director went and met with the Athletic Director and coaches at Glasgow regarding the allegations (excessive practice time, non-enrolled students, and students without sports physicals), against the football team. Glasgow has self-imposed corrective actions.

It was determined that this was a discussion item and not an action item a motion was not necessitated.

D. Regulation 1006-3.0

A motion was made by Dr. Fitzgerald to publish the amendments to 1006-3.0. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

E. Committee Appointments

Mr. Cimaglia recommended that Chris Muscara, Appoquinimink HS Athletic Director, be appointed to serve on The Officials Committee. There were some comments made indicating that the current method for selecting candidates need to be revamped, specifically more information about the candidate's background and qualifications. Ms. Polk indicated that the current application does not provide enough information about the candidates and she is working on revising the application with the Executive Director.

Mr. Hart made a motion to appoint Chris Muscara to the Officials Committee as a committee member and the motion was seconded by Mr. Watson. It was a unanimous vote 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

F. Request for Adoption of NFHS rules on 6v6 Football

Ms. Polk informed the Board that a school requested that their JV level football team be permitted to play 6 on 6 because they do not have enough JV players. Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to table the item for further information from the school. Mr. Little seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

G. Request for the use of 8th grade students at the high school level per Regulation 1009.2.7.3.1. by Odyssey Charter School, Wilmington Friends, Sussex Academy, Red Lion, Tatnall, Tower Hill, Cab Calloway/Wilmington Charter, Laurel, Delmar, Sanford.

Mr. Cimaglia informed the Board that he requested information (via email) from the schools listed regarding their requests to use 8th grade students to compete in high school sports.

Mr. Breeding motioned that the identified schools be permitted to use 8th grade students in high school sports for the 2019-20 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne. The vote was unanimous by a vote of 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

H. Request from Colonial & Brandywine for Middle School Wrestling Season Date Change

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the change of the middle school wrestling season date for Colonial and Brandywine School Districts to October 1st to December 19th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson. The vote was unanimous 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

III. Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee Update

Mr. Cimaglia reviewed the timeline for the sunset review and he thanked Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Makransky for their assistance.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Cimaglia stated that he would present a more in-depth report at the upcoming October meeting. He informed the Board that National High School Sports Hall of Fame nominations are due on November 15, 2019.

V. Other Items for Discussion

DIAA Staffing - there was some concern that the DIAA would need additional staff due to the Sunset Review and upcoming tournaments. The Board also discussed hiring a compliance officer.

The Board discussed taking lunch breaks during meetings.

VI. Public Comment

Trina Leclerc asked that the Board make coaching out of season an item of discussion.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edney and carried by a vote of 10 - yes [Layfield, Donovan, Edney, Hart, Breeding, Little, Jeanne, Cilento, Fitzgerald, and Watson] and 0 no.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.